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Porn resolution up for consideration

► Final revision of policy to be presented to Executive Committee Tuesday

By Laura Newman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After a series of changes and revisions, The Resolution to Clarify the Responsible Use Policy Regarding Personal Viewing of Pornography will be presented to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate Tuesday.

"The resolution has been through several revisions," said Linda Vanasupa, materials engineering department head. "But the text of the current revision was suggested by (Provost) Paul Zingg."

Vanasupa said she has been sharing background information with Zingg and seeking his input on the pornography resolution.

In its final revision, the text of the resolution was changed to read: "The University neither approves nor tolerates the personal viewing of sexually explicit or offensive materials by its campus users of State supplied computer resources."

Vanasupa wants this statement to be added to the University's Responsible Use Policy (RUP).

Zingg added the words "or offensive" to the resolution.

"We added 'or offensive' because we want this to be an issue of race as well," Vanasupa said. "It isn't appropriate for students and faculty to be viewing ethnic slurs or racial jokes either."

On April 18, a message from Zingg was added as a new preface to Cal Poly's RUP. The preface recognizes that personal viewing of sexually explicit materials on campus computers may result in a breach of ethical standards and create a hostile or perceived hostile workplace. It further states that the university does not condone or tolerate these actions.

Vanasupa acknowledged the new preface as progress, but said she is not satisfied.

"It's a step in the right direction, but short of what we feel is in the ethical bounds of our profession in terms of responsible use of State equipment," Vanasupa said.

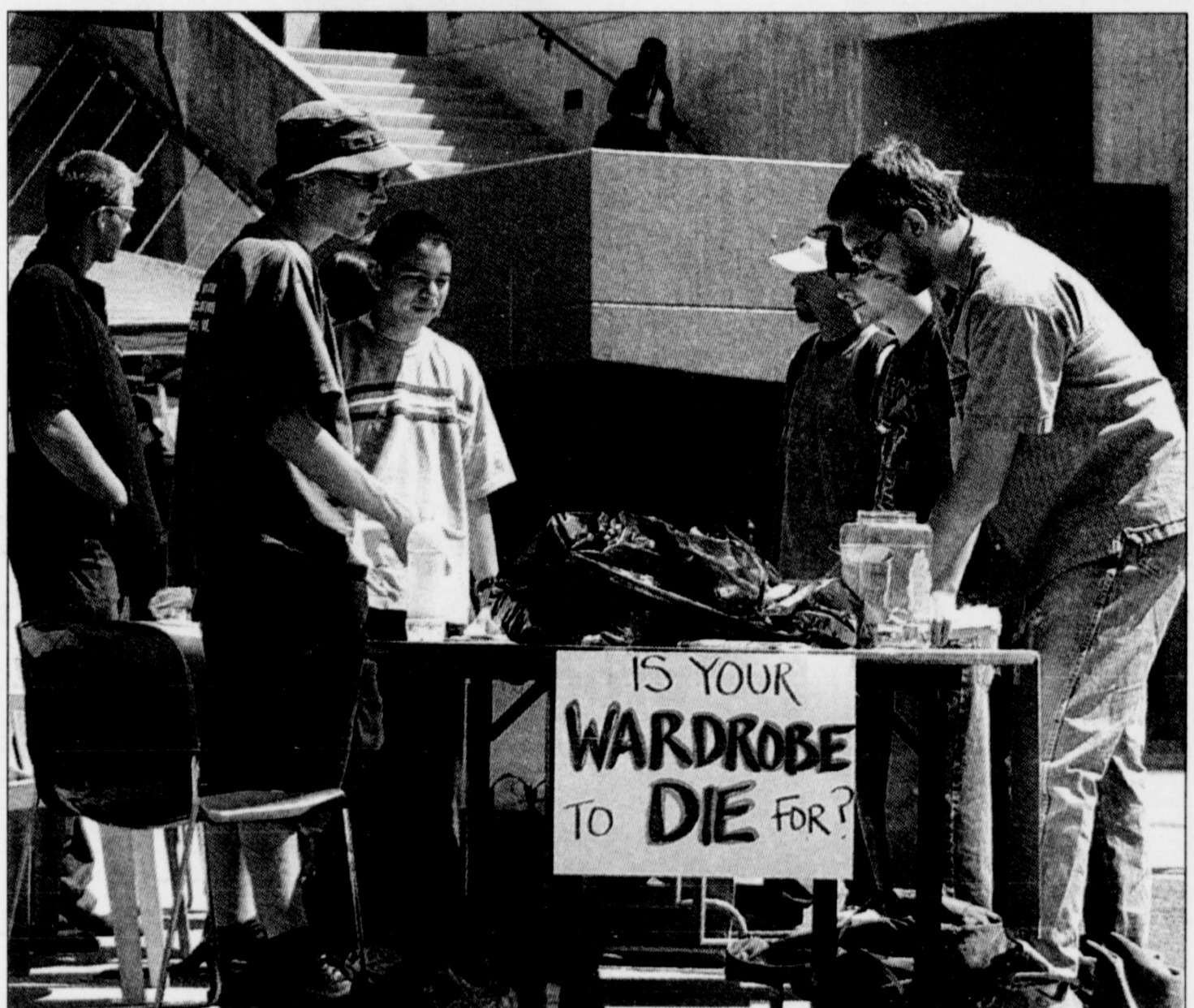
Jerry Hanley, Chief Information Officer and Vice Provost for Information Technology Resources, said the preface was added as a routine policy update.

"This is not a fundamental change," Hanley said. "We just thought it would be helpful for us to clarify and update the university position on responsible use."

Vanasupa said the current text of

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Social science junior Clayton Whitt and computer science freshman Nelson Bonilla talk to environmental horticulture senior Dan Stever about their petition at the sweatshop protest in the University Union Friday. Students collected clothing to send to sweatshop workers in Central America, handed out anti-sweatshop information and encouraged students to clip tags from their brand-name clothing. Cal Poly's chapter of Progressive Student Alliance sponsored the demonstration.

Cal Poly alumnus arrested in pregnant wife's death

By Kim Baca
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MODESTO — Cal Poly alumnus Scott Peterson was carrying \$10,000 when detectives, fearing he might try to flee the country, pulled him over about 30 miles from the Mexico border and arrested him.

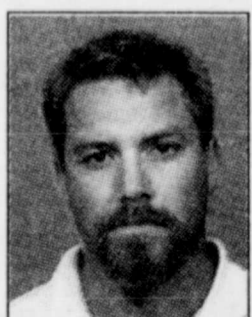
Hours later, authorities would announce that DNA tests showed two bodies found on the shore near San Francisco were his pregnant wife Laci, a Cal Poly alumna missing since Dec. 23, and their unborn son.

Peterson had repeatedly denied any role in his wife's disappearance, and police had avoided labeling him a suspect. But authorities say he knew he was being tracked.

Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden sought the arrest warrant for Peterson a day before the bodies were identified because he feared Peterson might flee to Mexico, where law forbids extradition of anyone facing the death penalty. Prosecutors in Stanislaus County plan to charge Peterson, 30, with



LACI PETERSON



SCOTT PETERSON

capital murder for the deaths of his 27-year-old wife and their unborn son.

Peterson, now jailed, is expected to be arraigned as early as Monday.

"Like many people who are in jail for the first time, he wants to know what's next," said Stanislaus County

Sheriff's spokesman Kelly Huston. He hasn't talked much to the guards, though he has been polite and cooperative, Huston said.

He has also been segregated from other inmates, who know he's there and "definitely have some unfavorable opinions of him," Huston said.

Peterson's attorney, Kirk

McAllister, has not commented on the case or returned weekend calls to his office.

In an interview with Time magazine, Peterson's father, Lee, said "police have just bungled this investigation from day one."

"We're grieving for the baby, as Scott is for Laci," he told the magazine.

When detectives arrested him Friday, Scott Peterson's dark hair had been dyed reddish-blond and he had grown a goatee. A law enforcement official who spoke on condition of anonymity said Sunday that he also had \$10,000 with him.

From the start, police had focused attention on Peterson, who acknowledged that he had an affair with another woman last year but said his wife, due to give birth in February, knew about it.

They spent days searching the waters near the Berkeley Marina, where Peterson said he went fishing the day his wife disappeared, and

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Facility services suffer from budget cuts

By Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The buildings are locked up for the night but the campus is still bustling with people hurriedly racing from classroom to classroom.

It's 2:30 a.m., and another crew of facility service custodians is clocking in to start a day's work.

In the wake of recent budget cuts, facility service crews are literally racing around campus to finish their work before sunrise and early-morning classes. There are currently fewer than 80 custodians on staff to cover approximately 2.2 million square feet of buildings on campus.

"Ten percent of our staff is open positions due to people leaving for workmen's comp or retirement," said facility services assistant director John Martin.

This reflects the impact of budget cuts since new custodians have not been hired and the positions may never be filled, depending on next year's budget.

When lead custodian Berta Kerr joined facility services seven and a

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John Martin
facility services
assistant director

half years ago, she was one of more than 100 custodians on staff. The last time the staff size was less than 80 people was in 1980, which was before the Performing Arts Center and Recreation Center were built.

Kerr regularly covers buildings 5, 11, 13 and 38, Kennedy Library and Dexter.

"The area is about half a million square feet," Kerr said, "and the majority of it needs to be done by 7:30 a.m."

At 2:30 she checks in at the facility services warehouse, located near the University Police station, and heads off to her office in

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Today's Moon

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Today's Tides

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High: 1:22 a.m. / 5.5 feet
Low: 8:12 p.m. / 2.9 feet
High: 4:40 p.m. / 2.9 feet

Poly Greeks battle it out to raise money

By Katie Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every year, fraternities and sororities come together to compete in the annual Greek Week. The week consists of team events as well as individual house events. Teams gain a certain number of points for each competition.

Not only is it a time for Greeks to battle, but also to unite for a cause. Money donated from supporting local sponsors will benefit the Prado Day Center.

Beginning Monday, Greek Week has several new competitions, including sumo wrestling, tricycle races and tennis.

Greeks will participate in old favorites like soccer, football and basketball, as well as lip-synching and arm wrestling. Most of the events are on campus or at Pismo Beach.

"Greek Week is just good, clean fun, all around," said Colleen Keller, speech communication senior and Panhellenic Greek Week chair. "It's a positive, non-alcoholic event."

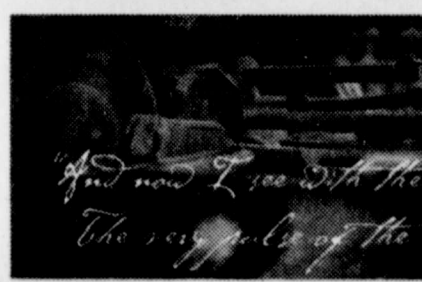
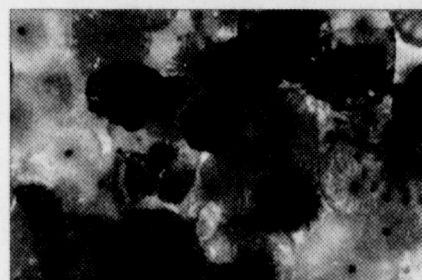
Eighteen fraternities and six sororities are split into co-ed teams. Each team consists of one sorority and three fraternities.

"The co-ed events usually have healthy competition, but with the individual houses it gets pretty competitive," said Mike Lavaglio, kinesiology sophomore and

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Arts & The Machine

The first edition of Cal Poly's magazine Moebius was themed "Arts and The Machine."

COURTESY PHOTO

Liberal Arts Week displays programs, students

By Chris Welke
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every college at Cal Poly has their week to showcase their academic programs. Running concurrent with Open House, the College of Liberal Arts will get their chance starting today.

The week, which runs through Saturday, will be a window into the makeup of a college that educates a vast variety of students. From avid painters to fierce debaters to concert pianists, it is the diversity of the College of Liberal Arts that makes it unique.

"It is a celebration, so we can promote ourselves and show what part we play in the university," said history professor Paul Hiltbold.

Saturday's Career Forum will highlight the open-ended career choices available to CLA students.

Recent CLA alums will return to Cal Poly on April 26 at 10 a.m. in Philips Hall to discuss their career paths.

"They will explain to the audience of incoming freshmen, transfer students and enrolled CLA students how mixing their passions with their academic work and their hobbies while they were a student here at Cal Poly led to

creating their own individual careers," said Terry Sanfilippo, events coordinator for the College of Liberal Arts. "It's very valuable. I highly recommend it. It gets better and better every year."

Speakers will include a motion-graphic artist, an actress and the Santa Maria city manager.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students to hear something broader than an individual majors presentation, especially for students that have no idea what they want to do, but really it's for everybody," said Susan Currier, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "One of the things that I think is really most enjoyable and unique about this particular forum is that it is told in terms of stories instead of statistics."

There will be a question and answer session following each presenter's speech.

Other highlights will include: professor Craig Russell will discuss "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" tonight at 7 p.m. in building 33, room 286. The Smile N' Nod comedy troupe will perform Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Building 3, Room 213, and outstanding CLA students will be recognized at an awards banquet at the Veranda Cafe Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Students, professors work together to create Moebius

By Cathy Ayers

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts released the first edition of its literary magazine Moebius last month.

"The purpose (of Moebius) is to give the College of Liberal Arts an opportunity to communicate who we are to the rest of the community," said Phil Fetzer, political science professor and the publication's managing editor.

Fetzer said approximately 24 people served on the board, and additional individuals worked behind the scenes in university graphics producing the magazine. About half of the volunteers were students, which is unusual for a collegiate publication, he said.

The premier issue revolved around the theme "Arts and The Machine." The magazine, which is free to students and faculty members at Cal Poly, includes essays, literary reviews, interviews and an open forum.

Fetzer approached CLA dean Harry Hellenbrand last year with the idea for a literary magazine that would represent the college.

Journalism junior Kimberly Masculine

said volunteers began meeting in December to plan the premier issue.

Masculine and two other volunteers promoted the premier issue for their Introduction to Public Relations class. Although the funding for the first issue came entirely from the CLA, volunteers are going out into the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo communities to find support for future issues, she said. They are targeting chairmen and women within the college, as well as local businesses and community organizations.

"With sufficient backing, we hope for it to be a permanent part of the Cal Poly community," Fetzer said.

He said the CLA hopes to release Moebius on a quarterly basis, with the possible exception of summer, when fewer students and faculty members are available. Each individual issue will be thematic, with the submissions revolving around the theme of the issue.

According to the CLA's Web site, the theme of the spring edition of Moebius is the meaning of privacy. Fetzer is now accepting contributions on that theme. Sponsorships and image contributions are also being accepted.

What's Going On

Coming up this week

***O.A.R. Cancels Show** - Tonight's show at SLO Brew has been canceled due to an error in the ticketing system. The O.A.R. show was oversold and is being canceled to avoid legal capacity issues. Tickets will be refunded. O.A.R. has plans to re-schedule the show at an undetermined date.

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National Briefs

Police standoff ends after girl released, couple slain

REHRERSBURG, Pa. — A teenage girl abducted after her uncle broke into her family's home and killed her parents was released unharmed Sunday after a police chase. Her uncle was later arrested following a four-hour standoff.

Robert Lee Hixson, 42, surrendered to police at about 3:40 p.m. Sunday, state police Trooper Raymond J. Albert said. He had released his 13-year-old niece Hadley Bilger at around 11:30 a.m.

Police placed tire-flattening equipment in the roadway, disabling the vehicle after a high-speed chase through Berks County that ended about 90 miles southwest of the girl's home in the Pocono Mountains, police said.

"At some point, Hixson stopped the car and let her out. She is with the police," FBI spokeswoman Linda Vizi said.

The standoff took place outside of a small food market. Hixson was moving in and out of his vehicle and was at times holding a shotgun to his chin, Albert said. He was also believed to have a handgun.

Bush: 'Good chance' in persuading North Korea to end its nuclear ambitions

CRAWFORD, Texas — Days ahead

of scheduled talks with North Korea, President Bush on Sunday gave diplomatic pressure a "good chance" of succeeding in coaxing Pyongyang to end its tension-producing nuclear weapons programs.

Along with the United States, regional neighbors China, Japan and South Korea are opposed to a nuclear-armed North Korea. Bush cited that unanimity of purpose — if not of strategy — as reason for optimism.

"I believe that all four of us working together have a good chance of convincing North Korea to abandon her ambitions to develop nuclear arsenals," Bush told reporters.

The president, taking a five-day vacation at his central Texas ranch, spoke after attending Easter services at nearby Fort Hood.

He also lauded China's accession to host talks with North Korea, planned for as early as this week, as a good sign.

U.S. pursuing lower-level enforcers of Saddam's government being pursued

WASHINGTON — The U.S. must-find list of Iraqis who helped keep Saddam Hussein in power goes well beyond the top officials pictured on the military's now famous playing cards.

Less visibly but no less actively, U.S. officials are seeking thousands who enforced Saddam's control through assassination, torture and misdeed.

Catching these lower-level operatives — and ultimately putting them

on trial — promises to be a massive and lengthy undertaking.

The administration is planning prosecutions for alleged war crimes committed during this war as well as the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Cases also are expected to be pursued for alleged atrocities committed over decades by Iraq's government against its citizens.

"Numerous abuses, both past and present," are being catalogued, Pierre-Richard Prosper, State Department ambassador for war crimes, said recently.

"It's a big challenge," said John Pike of GlobalSecurity.org. "I think that they have clearly identified the major war criminals ... but I haven't seen any indication of what they propose to do with them."

International Briefs

Across Ireland, IRA supporters recall 1916 rebellion and today's peacemaking crisis

DUBLIN, Ireland — Tens of thousands of Irish Republican Army supporters assembled across Ireland on Sunday to commemorate a long-ago rebellion — and to debate the tough choices they face today in Northern Ireland peacemaking.

Rallying in cemeteries where generations of Irish rebels are buried, leaders of the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party in 15 cities and towns insisted their movement shouldn't be blamed for a deadlock over the British territory's 1998

peace accord.

An accompanying message from IRA commanders, read by masked men at a few rural rallies, urged supporters to be patient and await publication of their next statement, which Britain and Ireland have already seen in private.

Although the IRA largely has been sticking to its 1997 cease-fire, it has been accused of a wide range of suspicious activities since 1999, when Protestants of the Ulster Unionist Party agreed to share power with Sinn Fein, the IRA-linked party, in a wider four-party coalition.

Two men reportedly held in connection with murders of women in Mexican border city

MEXICO CITY — Police in the border city of Ciudad Juarez have detained two men in connection with three of the 88 rape-murders of young women here over the last decade, according to relatives of the suspects.

Local media in Ciudad Juarez cited relatives as saying prosecutors are questioning the men in the deaths of three young women whose bodies were found dumped in a vacant lot in 2001.

Police are investigating the possibility that doctors or surgeons may have been involved in a scheme to kidnap the women, kill them and steal their organs, the newspaper El Diario reported Sunday.

The men were reportedly detained several days ago. Miguel Angel Vazquez, 29, who runs a sidewalk T-shirt stall, is being held under protected witness sta-

tus, while ironworker Hernaldo Valles Contreras, 39, is under house arrest, reportedly in relation to organized crime.

China's health minister and Beijing mayor fired, holiday cancelled after jump in SARS deaths

BEIJING — Jolted by a jump in SARS deaths and a tenfold increase in infections in Beijing alone, China's Communist Party stripped the health minister and the capital's mayor of power Sunday. It also canceled an annual weeklong holiday for tens of millions of people to keep them from traveling and curb the spread of the disease.

Just hours after announcing 12 new deaths nationwide, the official Xinhua News Agency said Health Minister Zhang Wenkang and Beijing Mayor Meng Xuenong were removed from their Communist Party posts but kept their government titles. The reported number of infections in Beijing increased from 37 to 346.

The party is the true power in China, and Zhang's and Meng's party posts were far more important than their government offices. Their loss left the two men greatly diminished as political figures and possibly foreshadowed their demotion or outright ouster from government.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andra Coberly.

THIS WEEK

IN ASI EVENTS

AMERICAN HISTORY X

Second film in the April "A-List" Movie Series
Monday, April 21
8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

Starring Edward Norton, the film is both powerful and controversial. It is an inspiring piece of work about turning away from hatred. Free popcorn will be provided!

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Featuring KIRSTIN CANDY
Wednesday, April 23
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This hippie pianist is a songwriting phenomenon. Candy uses her charisma and incredible vocal range to put on a very engaging show. Come see the woman critics describe as the next Sarah MacLaughlin.

ADVANCE MOVIE SCREENING

Film "CONFIDENCE"
Wednesday, April 23
6:30 and 9 p.m. screenings at Downtown Centre Cinema

FREE advance film screening of the upcoming release, "Confidence." A stylish and compelling crime caper, this film features Oscar winner Dustin Hoffman, Edward Burns, and Andy Garcia. Tickets are free and available to Cal Poly students at the Mustang Ticket Office beginning Monday, April 21. For more info: www.confidencethemovie.com

UU HOUR

Featuring RESINATION
Thursday, April 24
11 a.m. - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

For over three years, Resination has been delivering rootical rhythms and conscious lyrics to the people of California's Central Coast. Their first release entitled "Live at SLO Brew" captures their unique style of reggae, as well as their strong message of love, unity, and positivity.

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Directors are looking for:

- writers and actors to tell personal stories about about their experiences in America that deals with race unity for a series of monologue presentations in the show (writing or acting).
- Multi-cultural dance
- Rap/MCs
- Singing
- Any other talent

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PETERSON

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they seized the 14-foot boat and trailer he used. The bodies were later found about three miles from the marina after a storm.

Laci Peterson's family has shied from the spotlight since the bodies were discovered.

Outside the Peterson home, a memorial to 27-year-old Laci Peterson and the boy she had already named Connor continued to grow Sunday with additions of flowers, candles and toys.

According to Bay Area Fox affiliate KTVU, the couple met at Cal Poly through a mutual friend. Scott majored in agribusiness and Laci in ornamental horticulture. After graduating in 1997, the couple married and opened up The Shack, which is located on Foothill Boulevard. The Petersons sold The Shack two years ago. They decided to move to Modesto to be closer to Laci's parents.

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Ah, it's that time of year again – touring season. It's that special occasion when herds of doe-eyed high schoolers roam the campus to come get a first-hand look at the classes you sleep through, led by those fearless leaders we know as Poly Reps.

The young kids (don't laugh, you were in their shoes once) gaze in wild wonder at the beautiful scenery and seemingly endless worlds of opportunity that this fine campus has to offer. They ask simple questions: "How many people go here?," "What's it like living in the dorms?," "Where's the bathroom?" Important things like that.

But what about those things you didn't learn on the campus tour? Those things that, looking back on them now, you wish you would have really known about Cal Poly before committing yourself – as well as your education – to such an institution?



Quit Yer Bitchin'



That's what we were thinking about, too. So, come join us on the Quit Yer Bitchin' campus tour. Everyone please stay with the group...

Welcome to Cal Poly. We hope your stay here thus far has been pleasurable. Here we are at the lovely campus parking lot, and to my right and your left you will see the newly erected parking structure. You may have noticed the line of four or five cars stacked up, waiting for a parking spot. Yes, if you want parking, you better set that alarm an hour early and pack a lunch – you're going to be here for a while.

As an alternative means of getting to campus, we suggest riding a bike (if you don't mind an uphill battle) or taking the bus, which only runs until dark.

Excuse me, tour guide. What is the surrounding community like?

Excellent question, Timmy. San Luis Obispo is a fairly quiet town, but you can usually find parties that are broken up by

the fuzz around 10:30 p.m. And your new neighbors are great; we can assure you that they'll never call the police because you're too noisy and they always work to pass new laws that benefit students.

Moving along, we are now approaching one of our spacious lecture halls, the Business Silo, where many general education lecture courses are taught. This is a state of the art facility, complete with a microphone for the professor and – yes, you need to see it to believe it – an overhead projector! And you may think the dim lighting of the hall is intended to set the mood, maybe help you get a little romantic in your economics lecture. Really, though, half of the bulbs are burned out and have yet to be replaced. It is a veritable paradise for cheaters – so make sure you crash the courses that are offered in this classroom.

Tour guide, what do you mean "crash?" Is it difficult to get the classes that you want?

Thank you for asking, Johnny. It's a breeze. If you have the determination and iron will of a dog chasing its tail, all you have to do is crash two or three classes and your schedule will be set.

Tour guides Steve and Chrissy, what is that God-awful stench infiltrating upon my sense of smell?

I don't even smell anything. It's probably just the smell of all our agriculture units up in the northern part of campus. Sadly enough, my nose has become completely immune to the stench of the fertilizer in my six undergraduate years here.

We've almost reached the end of our tour. Are there any other questions?

What's this red handprint here on the ground?

I'm surprised you noticed that, Susie. Each handprint represents one sexual assault that happened on campus. You will see those handprints at various locations on campus (if they haven't been covered up for touring season) as a reminder that, sadly, these crimes are a reality on our sparkling campus.

Thank you for visiting us here at Cal Poly. We hope to see you in the fall, ready for all this university really has to offer.

Steve Hill and Chrissy Roth are journalism juniors and Mustang Daily columnists who would look damn sexy in those green Poly Reps shirts. E-mail them for a tour of your own at QuitYerBitchinCP@yahoo.com.

Senior project discrepancies create problems

Who invests their time and money in senior projects? The seniors. Who collects on senior projects?

The university.

Is there some kind of discrepancy here?

Senior projects are nothing more than a tool used to judge and test a student's value, all for the Cal Poly's personal gain. Hasn't every student already proven his or her worth on this campus by getting accepted into the school? Or are high SAT scores and senior level standing just not enough?

When many seniors are forced to stay an extra quarter just to fulfill their senior project requirement, it's beyond reasonable to assume that student goals for graduation don't match those of the university itself.

Commentary

Students strive to graduate, quickly becoming indebted to the state while running the risk of losing scholarships or grants for every extra quarter they have to wait before making their bail.

When seniors must hand the fruits of their labor over to the library, not truly owning the rights to their idea and not profiting from their research or creation, what stops them from dumbing down an otherwise brilliant concept? Nothing.

Essentially, the project is the last test in a laundry list of trials each student has been forced to go through, and they want it to be over with. This is far from a polished and intensely researched thesis that bears weight when graduating from graduate school, or even when applying for a job. It's a "report" that took at most two quarters, and often no preparation.

Some students will be satisfied with making a project sub-par, even to their otherwise high standards, just so they can bust it out and walk away with their degree. But lack of ownership is far from the end-all complaint a student could pose.

The extreme variability in requirements between majors and student advisors is a problem that kills the purpose of a senior project.

There are only two standards set for every project: They must be at least 20 pages in length and two copies must be turned into the library. Students who receive easygoing advisors may welcome such loose structure, but who or what's to limit those other advisors who plot methodically

With barely any preparation, far too little time and no ownership, the conclusions are clear: No quality. No benefit. No purpose. No need.

with red pen in hand?

Inevitably, these nondescript requirements create a bias under which some students will suffer far more than others. Some seniors will be pulling their hair out after the 10th meeting with an anal advisor, where they've presented yet another edited section of the project from hell. Others will be choking back their 10th cup of coffee as they bust out the paper in a hideous, yet easily procrastinated, full night of typing.

What's the achievement in something like that? The senior project is supposed to be something enjoyable; a culmination of efforts and knowledge gained over one's stressful college years, not just another nonsense-touting paper that one complains about endlessly.

And nobody should let the variation in majors determine the difficulty of the project. OK – obviously food science is different from computer engineering, but both could offer a challenging project, depending on the standards and depth of research required. But when someone can get away with baking 10 different types of cookies for taste testing while the other has to create a computer program from scratch, there's a problem.

This huge variation in time and effort not only pisses students off, but also turns the idea of a senior project into a joke. Less of a joke would be acting on the famous "learn by doing" theme and making internships a requirement in every major.

So why do we keep the senior project? No answer, except tradition.

Everyone knows what Cal Poly thinks, but it's time to listen to what students think.

With barely any preparation, far too little time and no ownership, the conclusions are clear: No quality. No benefit. No purpose. No need.

Carly Haselhuhn is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily contributor.

Letters to the editor

Stereotypes are based on truth

Editor,

This is a response to Barry Hayes' commentary "Column only reinforces stereotypes" printed in the April 16 paper. Barry, not everyone thinks that certain newspaper articles are about him or her. When Shallon talked about her friends, I doubt she was referring to rugby-playing, punk-listening gays. Shallon was referring to her effeminate, pro-shopping, and yes, stereotypical gay friends.

You're not one of them – you have nothing to worry about. You're never obligated to boost some woman's self-esteem, and you're never going to be a fashion accessory. So don't worry! Nobody's going to think you're a queen, and no random girl is going to ask you to go shopping 'cause Shallon says they should consider it.

Stereotypes exist because people fit them. I'm an English major – "Would you like fries with that?" Is it true? Who cares? Does it bother me? Nah, it's all in good fun. I'm not trying to piss gay people (or English majors) off; many of my good friends are gay, both stereotypical and otherwise. I just appreciate someone who can take himself or herself seriously. Shallon doesn't discriminate – we've all been the brunt of Shallon's jokes at one point

or another. Have a good laugh at your own expense.

Morgan Engel is an English senior.

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the resolution focuses solely on personal computer use when viewing pornography.

"This is not about work-related use or class assignment activities or bona fide educational stuff," Vanasupa said. "The resolution states that the university doesn't tolerate personal pornography viewing."

Personal interests, versus matters of public concern, do not come under Constitutional protection as free speech, Vanasupa said.

University Legal Council Carlos Cordova disagrees.

"(Pornography) wouldn't be able to be restricted for the reasons that (Vanasupa) has articulated," Cordova said. "I don't think that her analysis is correct."

Cordova said he and Vanasupa's legal council had discussed the legality of this resolution, but the matter of personal interests versus private concerns never came up.

"Creating a policy that doesn't allow students and faculty to view pornography from school computers creates impermissible content based on prior restraint," Cordova said. "This is based on the First Amendment and my read of court decisions."

The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate will decide

Tuesday if Vanasupa's resolution will be placed on the agenda for the following public Academic Senate meeting.

"It is clear to me that there is a lot of resistance to letting this be discussed on the floor of the Senate because of bad publicity," Vanasupa said. "But this could mean a change nationally in how universities deal with these things."

Vanasupa and a group of approximately 40 students and faculty have been campaigning since February to amend the current RUP that allows access to pornographic Web sites from university computers. Vanasupa said ITS's current RUP is a slap in the face to the women on the explicit sites.

CUSTODIANS

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Kennedy Library. The first thing she does is check the phones for any messages and then check her e-mail for any work orders.

Work orders can be updates and notices of current events on campus or tasks such as changing light bulbs in faculty offices.

In the classrooms, Kerr empties trash cans, straightens desks, picks up papers and trash on the floor and wipes down chalkboards. She often doesn't have enough time to do as much work as she used to.

"I like things to look good, but I've had to learn to let things go," Kerr said.

With fewer custodians and workers regularly out sick or on vacation time, lead custodians have had to

pick up more classrooms and buildings each night.

"You have to delegate but you can only delegate so far," Kerr said. "You can't overwork your workers because they already have their own areas."

Custodians on staff come from all sorts of backgrounds, Kerr said. Some, like her, work at the school to stay in the area while others are here in hopes to better their lives. Many of Kerr's workers have additional jobs, such as private cleaning services, before or after their 3 a.m. to 11 a.m. shift.

"I graduated from (Cal Poly)," Kerr said. "You would be surprised at how many custodians have degrees. It took a lot out of my ego to join the janitorial staff because we're at the bottom of the food chain. But now I love it."

Cal Poly is the only Cal State

University that continues to staff custodians every day to clean the campus, Martin said. All other CSU campuses purport frequent cleaning, which consists of emptying trash one or two days a week. These campuses place large roller bins or dumpsters outside for faculty and staff to take care of their own workplaces.

"I have outsiders who come to this campus all the time and they can't believe it's a CSU," said Martin.

With the possibility of further budget cuts, custodial staff may further dwindle, but Martin said he hopes Cal Poly will not resort to frequent cleaning.

"If it gets down to more area and less workers, everyone has to get in and help," Kerr said. "Everyone is on a team here and we help each other out."

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Interfraternity Council Greek Week chair.

Although each team wants to win, the Greeks are all working toward the same goal.

Greeks participated in the Walk to End Homelessness April 12. There will also be a blood drive today on Mott Lawn and those who donate will receive points toward the week. Non-Greeks can also donate blood.

"Greek Week shows that we are involved in philanthropy, and that we do contribute to our community," Lavaglio said.

Greeks do community service work year round, but most students don't directly see it.

"We want people to know that we are involved," Keller said.

Last year the Greeks donated to the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center in San Luis Obispo. This year they also decided on a local organization, Keller said.

"The Prado Day Center came to us because they knew we were participating in the Walk to End homelessness," Keller said. "We wanted to get a SLO agency so we could see where our money went."

The Greeks hope to raise \$1,000 to \$2,000, Lavaglio said.

The arm wrestling event during University Union Hour is probably the biggest event, Keller said. Students crowd around the fraternity and sorority members as they show their strength.

"Greek Week is a time when people are upset that they didn't go Greek," Keller said.

There is a soccer game tonight at the sports complex and the blood drive on Mott Lawn during the day. For more information on Greek Week, visit www.cpgreeks.com.



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Cal Poly's Jamie Gelbart

The Mustangs' ace in the hole

By Josh Petray
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

From the visitor's dugout at Bob Janssen Field, Cal Poly softball pitcher Jamie Gelbart takes a 10-minute break from Friday afternoon's practice while her teammates stretch in a circle in left field.

Time is a valuable thing for most student athletes, and for Gelbart, keeping herself busy isn't a difficult task.

A journalism junior from Palos Verdes, Gelbart sports a 2.96 GPA and is taking 19 units this quarter in addition to being the Mustangs' ace softball pitcher.

"I keep myself busy," Gelbart said.

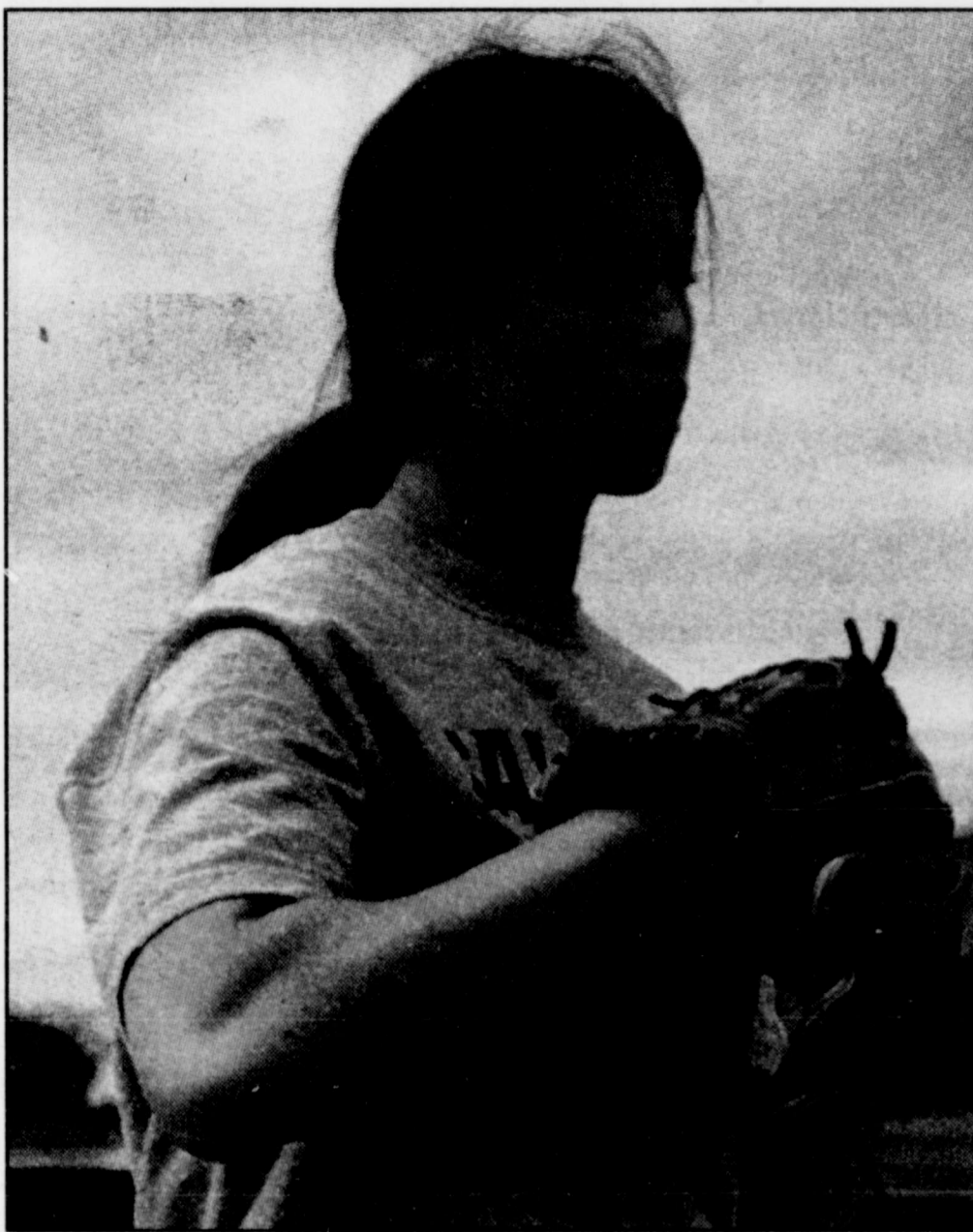
She leads the Mustang pitching staff in several categories, having allowed only 26 walks and striking out 58 batters, 26 of them looking, in 115 innings pitched.

Gelbart's four shutouts in 2003 give her a career total of seven, fifth on Cal Poly's all-time shutout list. She's also fourth in career wins and strikeouts, with 15 victories and 124 Ks.

Since arriving at Cal Poly in 2000, Gelbart has grown both personally and as an athlete, head coach Lisa Boyer said.

Her freshman year, Gelbart pitched a total of 16 games for the Mustangs, starting half of them. She finished with a 4.56 ERA, 19 strikeouts and an 0-6 record in 50.2 innings pitched.

After redshirting in 2001, Gelbart's numbers improved dramatically in



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Jamie Gelbart leads the Mustangs in wins, strikeouts and ERA.

2002. She finished with an 8-3 record, 2.43 ERA and 47 strikeouts in 77 2/3 innings pitched, while holding the opposition to a .254 average. The highlights included a four-hit shutout against Boston University at the

Fresno State Tournament and a seven-hit shutout against Santa Clara University.

"On the mound, she's fearless," Boyer said.

When pitching, Gelbart uses the

inside-outside technique combined with a speedy fastball and lethal curve or screwball as the go-to pitch.

"I try to catch the hitters off-guard," Gelbart said.

While Gelbart's hard-throwing tenacity on the mound commands authority on the field, off the field she's soft-spoken and reserved.

"I'm a little shy," she said.

Gelbart is in her second quarter as a KCPR DJ. At KCPR, she enjoys putting on public service announcements every week for about five minutes, she said.

"I did have some problems with the equipment at the radio station in the beginning," she said. "But now I'm starting to get the hang of it. It's fun."

When asked about the team's last series loss to UC Riverside, which was the first time Cal Poly has ever dropped a season series to the Highlanders, Gelbart said she doesn't see the loss as detrimental, although it's important to win a three-game series against one of the weaker teams in the conference.

"We know what kind of team we are and that we can come back after losing a series to UC Riverside," Gelbart said.

Gelbart also said she enjoys journalism but doesn't know if she can see herself working as a reporter.

"My dream job would be to practice public relations for a major league baseball team," Gelbart said, "And I'm also interested in advertising."

Softball has been a large part of her

life ever since she was a little girl and her father, Moe, helped her a lot along the way, Gelbart said.

"He's been my coach my whole life," she said. "When we play at home, having him there along with my friends and family at the game helps me a lot."

At Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Jamie excelled in softball and led her team, the Panthers, to the South Bay League Championship in 1999, her senior year. For four straight years, Gelbart was both team and league MVP from 1996 to 1999. She was also an All-CIF second team member and the 1998-1999 Daily Breeze's Player of the Year.

Gelbart has one brother, Josh, who's also an athlete and plays water polo at USC, and she said she likes to go and watch his matches.

Mustang catcher Carrie Schubert is a good friend of hers, and Schubert helps Gelbart relax and focus on the mound when she struggles.

"Carrie will call a timeout and come out to the mound to talk," Gelbart said. "Not just about softball, (but) to calm me down during the game. We're good friends."

Outside of school and softball, she enjoys traveling and hanging out with her friends, Gelbart said. There are still a lot of things she'd like to do before graduating.

"This summer, I'd like to travel to Florida," she said.

She'd also like to continue dominating the opposition for one more year.

Cal Poly's Danielle Hustedt

No. 1 player leads team to national ranking

By Sarah Stephan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A love of competition, a determination to win and the drive to succeed are essential qualities for an athlete.

Cal Poly's number one women's tennis player, senior Danielle Hustedt, embodies these traits and more.

She's helped lead the Mustangs to their first-ever national ranking (currently No. 64) and into first place in the Big West Conference with an 8-1 record.

Cal Poly women's tennis coach Hugh Bream said that Hustedt is the most successful tennis player at Cal Poly since the team entered Division I nine years ago. Hustedt relishes competing against the best players because it is a good opportunity, Bream said.

"She really has sheer tenacity," he said. "Her determination to play hard and compete well are the traits you look for in a number one player."

Whether in the weight room after practice or hiking Bishop's Peak on the weekend, Hustedt is always committed to fitness improvement, Bream said.

Her consistency, great footwork and left-handed serve had led to a 19-

11 individual record this year. A left-handed serve can give a player an advantage over their opponent because the ball spins the opposite way.

Senior Reese Galido said that Hustedt's contributions to the team are her leadership and dedication.

"She leads well by her example and you can always trust that she will try her hardest," Galido said.

Galido has known Hustedt since they started competing in junior tennis tournaments seven years ago. She said that she has seen Hustedt grow as a player over the years.

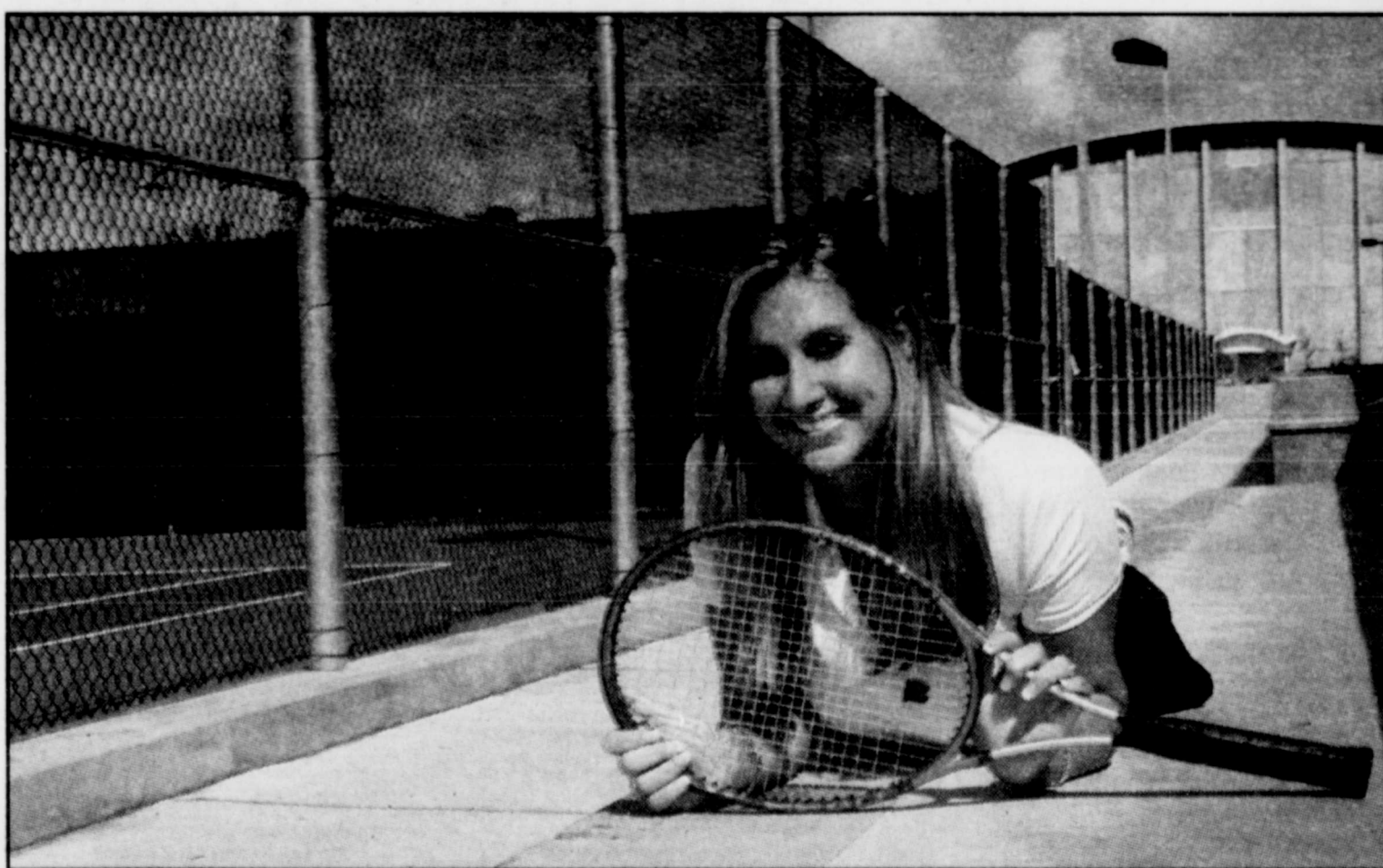
"As a junior, you play for yourself because it is an individual thing," Galido said. "But in college, Danielle has really played for the team."

Hustedt has witnessed changes in the entire structure of the team. Four years ago, there were no tennis courts at Cal Poly, the women had mismatching uniforms and the team rarely won a game. Now, the team is ranked nationally.

Hustedt said that she has enjoyed being a part of the team's progression.

"Our team used to be seen as a joke," she said. "But now we are intimidating, compete against high-ranking teams and always play a good match."

Hustedt said that the two best



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Coach Hugh Bream calls Danielle Hustedt the most successful tennis player at Cal Poly since the school moved to Division I nine years ago. The Mustangs have been ranked as high as No. 58 this year.

things about this season were beating teams Cal Poly could never beat before and getting ranked the best in Big West. The team's level of competitiveness also rose as better players were recruited.

Hustedt's plans for the future

emphasize her drive to succeed. She will work for Robert Mondavi (winery) in Orange County after graduation in the fall.

Hustedt also wants to play in European satellite tennis tournaments, and said that it is a great trav-

el experience and a way to win money.

Hustedt credits her successful tennis career to her competitive nature.

"It's gratifying to give it your all," she said. "If you don't have passion, then it's not worth it."